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SUBJECT: CANDIDACY OF MANSOUR KHALID FOR POST OF UN
DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
COOPERATION

REF: A. KHARTOUM 58; B. STATE 17353 TO ACCRA (INFO
KHARTOUM)

1. WE SUGGEST THAT YOUR NOTE IN REPLY TO THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY BE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES, AFTER REFERRING
TO THE SUDANESE GOVERNMENT'S NOMINATION OF DR. MANSOUR
KHALID FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC
COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE UN SECRETARIAT AND THE
FACT THAT THE EMBASSY FORWARDED THE TEXT OF THE NOTE TO
THE DEPARTMENT:

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"THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN ASKED TO EXPRESS THE DEPARTMENT'S
APPRECIATION IN KNOWING THE INTEREST OF THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE SUDAN IN PROPOSING DR.
KHALID FOR THIS IMPORTANT NEW POSITION AND TO STATE THAT
THE DEPARTMENT HAS TAKEN NOTE OF HIS QUALIFICATIONS. AS
THE MINISTRY IS AWARE, OF COURSE, THE APPOINTMENT OF AN
INDIVIDUAL TO FILL THIS POSITION IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF

THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS. NEVERTHELESS, THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE PLEASED TO BEAR IN MIND DR. KHALID'S CANDIDACY SHOULD THE SECRETARY GENERAL WISH TO CONSULT INFORMALLY WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AMONGST OTHERS ON THIS MATTER".

2. IN DELIVERING YOUR REPLY, YOU MAY INDICATE THAT WE SHARE THE GENERAL UNDERSTANDING THAT THE PERSON NAMED TO THIS POSITION WILL BE FROM A DEVELOPING COUNTRY. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE ABOUT A DOZEN NAMES CURRENTLY MENTIONED IN UN CIRCLES, FROM AFRICA, ASIA AND LATIN AMERICA--INCLUDING THREE WHOSE GOVERNMENTS HAVE MADE FORMAL APPROACHES TO US, NAMELY KHALID, KENNETH DADZIE OF GHANA AND MAHBUBUL HAQ OF PAKISTAN.

3. FYI. THE GENERAL FEELING IN NEW YORK IS THAT KHALID'S CANDIDACY MAY HAVE BURNED ITSELF OUT, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF THE OVERZEALOUSNESS OF THE SUDANESE DELEGATION IN NEW YORK IN PUSHING HIS CANDIDACY AS WELL AS IN PUSHING FOR A HIGHER SALARY DURING CONSIDERATION OF THIS POSITION AT THE 32ND UNGA. GHANAIAI COMMENTS ON KHALID'S CANDIDACY ARE REPORTED IN REFTEL B. VANCE

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